

Holy Family Traditional Roman Catholic Church

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Traditional Latin Mass
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Mass of the Holy Innocents
December 28, 2025

Sunday, December 28	Holy Innocents
9:00 AM	Pro Populo
Monday, December 29	St. Thomas Becket, BM
9:00 AM	RIP Ellen Finnane (<i>Maria John family</i>)
Tuesday, December 30	Within the Octave (St. Sabinus, BM)
9:00 AM	Jason & Lainey Popovich (<i>Jason Popovich</i>)
Wednesday, December 31	St. Sylvester, PC
9:00 AM	Pro Populo
Thursday, January 1	Circumcision of Our Lord
9:00 AM	Pro Populo
7:00 PM	Pro Populo
Friday, January 2	Feria (St. Gaspar Del Bufalo, C)
9:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory (<i>Barb Pelzer</i>)
Saturday, January 3	BVM Saturday (St. Genevieve, V)
9:00 AM	Ed & Barb Pelzer & family (<i>Barb Pelzer</i>)
Sunday, January 4	Holy Name of Jesus (St. Priscus, M)
9:00 AM	Pro Populo

Mass Intentions ~ Cash is preferred, however, if using a check, please make it payable to Fr. Nino Molina.

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays: 9:00 AM

Weekdays: 9:00 AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

CONFSSIONS - 30 Mins. Before Mass -Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ITEMS - 2nd Sunday

BENEDICTION - 3rd Sunday

COMMUNION CLASSES - Sundays after Mass

CONFIRMATION CLASSES - Sundays after Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE - Sundays before Mass

ROSARY - Before Each Mass

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GOSPEL Matt. 2:13-18 At that time, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph, saying: "Arise, and take the Child and His mother, and flee into Egypt, and remain there until I tell you. For Herod will seek the Child to destroy Him." So he arose, and took the Child and His mother by night, and withdrew into Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod; that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

Then Herod, seeing that he had been tricked by the Magi, was exceedingly angry; and he sent and slew all the boys in Bethlehem, and in all its neighborhoods who were two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the Magi. Then was fulfilled what was spoken through Jeremias the prophet, saying: "A voice in Rama was heard, weeping and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be comforted, because they are no more."



If we have kept a diligent Advent...

If we have kept a diligent Advent, we shall be able to celebrate the Christmas Season better than those who have been trying to inflate an imitation of it ever since Halloween without understanding what it is all about. The Incarnation of Christ the Son of God is celebrated for twelve days, and in the Catholic Church the Christmas carols begin, and do not end, on Christmas Day.

When I lived in Rome, I came to learn different Christmas customs, and among them was the singing of a hymn by Saint Alphonsus Liguori: "Tu scendi dalle Stelle" (You come down from the stars) with these lines:

"Great King, from heaven's high throne descending low, In Bethlehem's stable born in cold and woe, Thou shivers in a manger, Babe Divine, much hast Thou borne for sins: how much for mine!"

The season of gift-giving begins on December 25th and reaches its climax on the Epiphany, when the Magi brought their offerings.

The Holy Trinity needs nothing, but the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost want us. In other words, we are not necessary, but we are willed by Divine Love. With nothing to offer God that He needs, the best gift we can offer is a humble confession of the various ways the human soul has blocked the will of God. Sin contradicts our existence. Confession provides many graces. Sins are forms of selfishness, but when confessed they become the greatest gifts, offerings of the heart, and they place us back into God's plan for the human race.

You might give yourself a fine gift by getting one of the many books written by the twentieth century English convert, Monsignor Ronald Knox. In his "Stimuli" he writes: "To us Christians, the first Christmas Day is the solstice or bottleneck of history. Things got worse till then, ever since we had lost Paradise; things are to get better from then on, till we reach Paradise once more. History is shaped like an X". A very happy and holy Christmastide to us all. Father G. Rutler



THE HOLY INNOCENTS The story of the slaughter of the Holy Innocents is part of the narrative of Jesus' birth. Herod governed the Jewish portion of the Roman Empire when Jesus was born. When he heard that people looked for the birth of a new "King of the Jews," and that scholars from the east had already come to worship Him, Herod felt threatened. He learned that this Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem and sent for the visiting Magi. He cross examined them to learn what they knew, then told them to report back to him after they found the Child under the pretense that he, Herod, wanted to pay homage as well.

The Magi were warned in a dream to avoid returning to Herod, so they went home a different way. At the same time, an angel warned Joseph to flee with Mary and Jesus to Egypt because "Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him" (Mt 2:13).

When Herod learned that the Magi had deceived him, he became furious and ordered the murder of all the boys in and near Bethlehem two years old or younger.

Tradition has inferred the slaughter of the Bethlehem children to have killed numbers of children----several thousand---but it is not likely that nearly this many were killed. Considering the size of Bethlehem, including its surroundings, there could not have been more than 25 baby boys two years old or younger at any given time.

St. Augustine called the Innocents, buds killed by the frost of persecution the moment they showed themselves. Herod was a barbaric ruler responsible for many crimes and slaughters.

The feast of the Holy Innocents has been remembered by the Church since the fifth century.

We gladly welcome visitors and newcomers. At the same time, we respectfully remind you that to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion, one must be: A baptized Catholic free from any mortal sin committed since one's last Confession.

Fasting for three hours from any food and/or alcoholic beverage.

One hour from any other beverage except water.

DRESS POLICY ~ If this is the first time you have attended the Traditional Latin Mass you may have noticed that our parishioners do not dress casually in the church. Since the changes of Vatican II in the Church, few parishes have had any kind of dress code: we still believe that modesty and appropriate attire are necessary, especially in Church out of respect for the True Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and for the edification of our neighbor, we kindly request that all who come to our parish observe the basic traditional Catholic standards of dress for church attendance

and to receive communion at the communion rail:

Women and girls must cover their heads. (Chapel veils or mantillas are available for loan or purchase in the vestibule.)

Women and girls must wear dresses or skirts that cover the knee completely when standing or sitting. Slacks, jeans, shorts, sleeveless, tight or low-cut clothing, and dresses or skirts with long slits above the knees are not permitted.

It is recommended for men and boys to wear suit coats and ties for Sunday Mass.

Jeans and other casual attire are inappropriate for attendance at church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thursday, January 1, 2026 is a Holy Day of Obligation, Masses are at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.**
- **The Altar & Rosary Society will hold their regular monthly meeting on Saturday, January 3rd after the 9AM Mass.**
- **Following Mass, visit with your fellow Catholics in the Mary Help of Christians Hall where light refreshments are available.**
- **Celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Join in a potluck on Sunday, January 11th after Mass in the Mary Help of Christians Hall. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church and in the MHC church hall.**
- **Memorial Page -To include your loved ones' names or family name on the memorial page, please print the names clearly on the envelope designated "Memorial Page", include the donation and place it in the collection basket.**
- **Join parishioners every Tuesday at 3:00 PM in the church to recite fifteen decades of the rosary. Our intentions are to ask God and his Blessed Mother for their protection of our country and our church against the force which is trying to destroy us.**
- **New to the Tridentine Mass, you may find the grey or green paperback missals found in the pews helpful in following the Mass.**
- **The church website is updated frequently and reflects all upcoming events and Mass times.**
- **You are strongly encouraged to visit the website at <https://holyfamilytcc.org> and REGISTER as a MEMBER in the DATABASE as this will be the only way to receive emails regarding important church events, etc.**

Children Who Die Without Baptism

(From The Great Means of Salvation and Perfection by St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori)

Note from Editor: There is much speculation about infants and small children who die without being baptized: what happens to them? This question is all the more poignant when we consider the millions, if not tens of millions, of abortions that happen worldwide each year. The great Doctor of the Church St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori explains this perplexing issue in his book The Great Means of Salvation and of Perfection. Although these souls will obviously not be sent to the hell of the damned, nevertheless, it seems certain that they will be deprived of the incalculable good of seeing the Beatific Vision in heaven.

Here it only remains for us to answer the object which is drawn from children being lost when they die before baptism, and before they come to the use of reason. If God wills all to be saved, it is objected, how is it that these children perish without any fault of their own, since God gives them no assistance to attain eternal salvation? There are two answers to this objection, the latter more correct than the former. I will state them briefly.

First, it is answered that God, by antecedent will, wishes all to be saved, and therefore has granted universal means for the salvation of all; but these means at times fail of their effect, either by reason of the unwillingness of some persons to avail themselves of them, or because others are unable to make use of them, on account of secondary causes (such as the death of children), whose course God is not bound to change, after having disposed the whole according to the just judgment of his general Providence; all this is collected from what St. Thomas says. Jesus Christ offered His merits for all men, and instituted baptism for all; but the application of this means of salvation, so far as relates to children who die before the use of reason, is not prevented by the direct will of God, but by a merely permissive will; because as He is the general provider of all things, He is not bound to disturb the general order, to provide for the particular order.

The second answer is that to perish is not the same as not to be blessed: since eternal happiness is a gift entirely gratuitous; and therefore, the want of it is not a punishment. The opinion, therefore, of St. Thomas is very just, that children who die in infancy have neither the pain of sense nor the pain of loss; not the pain of sense, he says, "because pain of sense corresponds to conversion to creatures; and in original sin there is not conversion to creatures" (as the fault is not our own), "and therefore pain of sense is not due to original sin;" because original sin does not imply an act. Objectors oppose to this the teaching of St. Augustine, who in some places shows that his opinion was that children are condemned even to the pain of sense. But in another place, he declares that he was very much confused about this point. These are his words: "When I come to the punishment of infants, I find myself (believe me) in great straits; nor can I at all find anything to say." And in another place, he writes that it may be said that such children receive neither reward nor punishment: "Nor need we fear that it is impossible there should be a middle sentence between reward and punishment; since their life was midway between sin and good works." This was directly affirmed by St. Gregory Nazianzen: "Children will be sentenced by the just Judge neither to the glory of heaven nor to punishment." St. Gregory of Nyssa was of the same opinion: "The premature death of children shows that they who have thus ceased to live will not be in pain and unhappiness."

And as far as relates to the pain of loss, although these children are excluded from glory, nevertheless St. Thomas, who had reflected most deeply on this point, teaches that no one feels pain for the want of that good of which he is not capable; so that as no man grieves that he cannot fly, or no private person that he is not emperor, so these children feel no pain at being deprived of the glory of which they were never capable; since they could never pretend to it either by the principles of nature, or by their own merits. St. Thomas adds, in another place, a further reason, which is that the supernatural knowledge of glory comes only by means of actual faith, which transcends all-natural knowledge; so that children can never feel pain for the privation of that glory, of which they never had a supernatural knowledge. He further says, in the former passage, that such children will not only not grieve for the loss of eternal happiness, but will, moreover, have pleasure in their natural gifts; and will even in some way enjoy God, so far as is implied in natural knowledge and in natural love: "Rather will they rejoice in this, that they will participate much in the divine goodness, and in natural perfections." And he immediately adds that although they will be separated from God as regards the union of glory, nevertheless "they will be united with Him by participation of natural gifts; and so will even be able to rejoice in Him with a natural knowledge and love."



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Remember, also, Lord, Your servants and handmaids below who are gone hence before us, marked with the sign of faith, and sleep the sleep of peace. To them, Lord and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we implore You a place of happiness, light and peace through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Octave of the Nativity is celebrated from Christmas Day to January 1st, the Circumcision of Our Lord.

In the Old Testament, circumcision was a sign of the covenant between God and Abraham, and thus between God and the Jewish people. The oath of this covenant was sealed by the act and sign of circumcision. It was on the eighth day that this important event took place.



Celebrate the

Feast of the Holy Family

Join in a POTLUCK on Sunday, January 11th following the 9AM Mass, in the Mary Help of Christians church hall.

Please bring a dish or dessert to share. Sign up in the church hall or on the form on bookshelf at the back of the church.



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"O sweetest Jesus, hide me in Thy Sacred Heart, permit me not to be separated from Thee, defend me from the evil foe."